Anderson, IN – U.S. Congressman congratulated Master Power Transmission and the city of Columbus for the announcement today that Master PT will expand its operations in Columbus by investing \$1.6 million and hiring an additional 48 employees by 2016. Pence's statement follows:

"I want to congratulate Master PT on its decision to expand and increase its operations here in my hometown of Columbus. Columbus has some of the finest people, and proves once again, that it's an excellent place to do business. We are excited to continue to solidify the partnership that Master PT has already formed with the city through this new investment and these 48 new job opportunities.

"I want to thank Governor Daniels and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for helping make Indiana one of the best states to do business. I want to congratulate Mayor Kristen Brown and the City of Columbus Administration for their leadership. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to the Vice President of Manufacturing and Columbus operations manager, Ryan Roberson, and Mike Cinquemani, Principal and Owner of Master PT, whose vision and leadership have transformed this company. I know it has been a long and often difficult road, especially in the last few years for this formidable company. We couldn't be more grateful and proud to have such a strong organization invest in this city and the surrounding area, as evidenced when they adopted a family affected by the deadly tornado earlier this year.

"Indiana is a state that makes things and our manufacturing history is a source of pride for all Hoosiers. Master PT's expansion will continue this proud tradition in Columbus and I offer my wholehearted congratulations to all of those who made this day possible."

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